

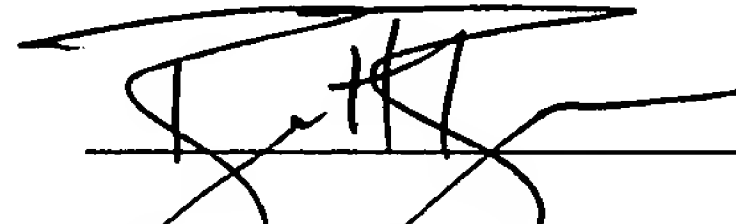
Remarks

Claims 1-4, 7-12, 14-17, and 20-23 are allowed. The Applicants have amended claim 17 to correct a minor error. As stated above, the amendment does not add new matter. Therefore, the Applicants ask that the Examiner enter the amendment.

The Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, any additional fees may be charged to deposit account 03-1725.

Respectfully submitted,

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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Claims

The following represent marked-up versions of the amendments made to the claims.

17. (Twice Amended) The method as set forth in claim 16 wherein said step of comparing includes setting a [said] second threshold value to represent that said multiphase flow includes liquids and solid matter and comparing said drive gain to said second threshold value to determine whether said drive gain exceeds said
5 second threshold value.